

# International Society of Nephrology

## *Visiting Scholars Program*

The International Society of Nephrology is building a program to send established investigators from recognized nephrology units to medical units of developing countries for a period of several months in order to develop local program(s) and establish permanent channels of communication.

In general, the visiting period is expected to be three months, but a shorter amount of time can be agreed upon if the project seems highly promising. The stipend will be US\$25,000 for three months. The visiting scholar should be a well recognized nephrologist, although not necessarily a senior figure, and should be aware of the necessity to maintain long lasting interaction with the institution visited.

Persons who would be willing to participate in such a program should write to Claude Amiel, M.D., Secretary General of the International Society of Nephrology, Département de Physiologie, Faculté Xavier Bichat, 16, rue Henri Huchard, 75018 Paris, France, and send a curriculum vitae together with an indication of the country they intend to visit.

## *Membership*

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1987 is included in the annual 1987 dues of US \$100.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. Robert W. Schrier, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, University of Colorado Medical Center, 4200 East Ninth Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80262, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current Fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Schrier along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of \$100.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

## *Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology*

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic,

purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Dr. Donald W. Seldin, President, International Society of Nephrology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, 5323 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75220, USA.

## *Supplements to Kidney International*

Limited funds are available for the partial financial support of the direct cost of publication of the proceedings of meetings to be published as Supplements to *Kidney International*. Individual awards cannot exceed US \$5,000. Application must be made to the Editor; it must include the date and place of the proposed meeting, a list of other sponsors, a final program (including speakers), an estimate of the number and length of manuscripts, and an expression of willingness to participate in the editorial process, including the submission of manuscripts to a modified form of peer review.

## *ISN Archive*

Dr. Carl Gottschalk has accepted the responsibility to establish an Archive of the International Society of Nephrology. The Archive will consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society. Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the development and evolution of the ISN will be assembled in the Archive.

Members of the ISN or other readers of *Kidney International* having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Gottschalk at the following address: Carl W. Gottschalk, M.D., Department of Medicine 226-H, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514 USA.

## *Meetings*

*The First Copenhagen Symposium on Uroradiology, Imaging and Interventional Techniques* will be held September 7–10,

1987 at the Herlev Hospital, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Sponsors of the event are the Danish Medical Society, Danish Society of Diagnostic Radiology, Danish Society of Clinical Physiology and Nuclear Medicine, Danish Society of Nephrology, and the Danish Society of Urology. For further information, contact Henrik S. Thomsen, M.D., Department of Diagnostic Radiology 54E2, KAS Herlev, Herlev Ringvej, DK-2730 Herlev, Denmark.

*The International Organ Transplant Forum* will be held September 8–11, 1987 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. The Forum will officially honor Thomas E. Starzl, M.D., for 25 years of contribution to the field of organ transplantation. The program will feature scientific presentations in the field of transplantation as well as sessions specially designed for transplant recipients. For further information contact Ann Metzger, International Organ Transplant Forum, DeSoto at O'Hara Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213, USA.

*The Second Verona Seminar on Nephrology* will be held on September 22–24, 1988 in Verona, Italy, and it will be devoted to the topic "The progressive nature of renal disease: Myths and facts." The purpose of this meeting is to evaluate the experimental and clinical evidence supporting the progressive nature of renal disease; to examine the various possibilities of counteracting progression in clinical practice; and to establish nutritional guidelines for the uremic patient. For further information, please contact Lamberto Oldrizzi, M.D., Division of Nephrology, Istituti Ospitalieri, 37126 Verona, Italy; phone 045/932521-932528.

*The Histochemical Analysis of Cell Function* meeting, sponsored by the Royal Microscopical Society, will be held on September 22–24, 1987 at the University of York, United Kingdom. Three symposia will be included: sorting and routing of endocytosis; electrolyte and water transport; and second messenger systems. Papers and posters relating to the symposia and to any other applications of histochemistry to the understanding of normal cell function are welcomed. For further information contact The Administrator, Royal Microscopical Society, 37/38 St. Clements, Oxford OX4 1AJ, United Kingdom.

*The First Roma Nephrology Conference* will be held in Fiuggi (Rome) on September 28–29, 1987. The program will include lectures on advances in pathogenesis, complications and treatment of glomerulonephritis. For further information, contact Giulio A. Cinotte, M.D., II Clinica Medica, Cattedra de Nefrologia, Policlinico Umberto I, Viale del Policlinico, 00161 Rome, Italy.

*The 20th Annual Convention of the workshop for Clinical Nephrology* will be held October 2–3, 1987 in Fulda, West Germany. For information, please contact Prof. Dr. H. Nieth or Mrs. Ch. Harkins, I. Medizinische Klinik, Städt Kliniken Fulda Pacelliallee 4, 6400 Fulda, West Germany. Telephone 011 49 0661/84463.

*The 4th National Conference on Peritoneal Dialysis* will be held in Stresa, Lago Maggiore, Italy on October 2–3, 1987 under the patronage of the Italian Society of Nephrology. Topics will include: late drop-out in CAPD, long-term results in diabetic patients and cardiovascular function. Contact the Congress President, A. Giangrande, M.D., Chief of Nephrology, General Provincial Hospital, Piazza Solaro, 3, 21052 Busto Arsizio, Italy. Telephone: 331-699363.

*The Third International Milano Meeting on Nephrology* will be held in Milano, Italy, October 5–6, 1987. The major theme

will be "The kidney in plasmacell dyscrasias," and the topics will include the kidney's involvement in multiple myeloma, Al amyloidosis, light chain deposit disease, and IgM gammopathy. For further information contact Luigi Minetti, M.D., Divisione de Nefrologia e Dialisi, Ospedale Ca'Granda, Piazza Ospedale Maggiore n.3, 20162 Milano, Italy; telephone 02.64442521.

*The 32nd Annual Convention of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM)* will be held October 6–9, 1987, in the Rivergate Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. More than 35 categorical courses and scientific sessions in the areas of abdomen, basic science, cardiovascular Doppler, obstetrics, gynecology, neurosonology, pediatrics, tissue characterization, and instrumentation will be presented. For more information, contact: AIUM, 4405 East-West Highway, Suite 504, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, USA. Phone: (301) 656-6117.

*The XXIVth Congress of the EDTA-European Renal Association and the XVIth Conference of the EDTNA-European Renal Care Association* will be held from October 25–29, 1987 and October 27–29, 1987, respectively, at the International Congress Center, Berlin, West Germany. Major topics will include immunological problems in chronic renal failure, hypertension and diet in progressive renal failure, viral infection in chronic renal failure, dialysis and transplantation. For further information, contact Professor Dr. G.M. Gahl, University Clinic Charlottenburg, Division of Medicine and Nephrology, Spandauer Damm 130, D-1000 Berlin 19, West Germany.

*The Seventh Asian Colloquium in Nephrology* will be held in Taipei on November 25–28, 1987. For information contact Wan-Yu, M.D., D.M. ScI. President, Society of Nephrology Taiwan ROC, 1, Chang-Te Street, Taipei, Republic of China 100.

*The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand and the Australasian Society of Nephrology* are planning a combined meeting to be held in 1987 in Adelaide, South Australia. The MSD Visiting Lecturer will be Prof. Peter Bell, Professor of Surgery, Leicester, England. More information will follow.

*The Third International Bari Seminar in Nephrology* will be held in Bari, Italy on April 20–23, 1988. The topic is "Drugs, multi-system diseases and the kidney." For further information contact Professor P. Coratelli, Institute of Medical Nephrology, University of Bari, Policlinic, Piazza G. Cesare no. 11, 70125 Bari, Italy.

*The Dialysis Society of Australia, the Jubilee Scientific Meeting of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, and the Australasian Society of Nephrology* are planning a combined meeting for May 8–13, 1988, in Sydney, New South Wales. More information will follow.

*The Second International Sorrento Meeting* will be held in Sorrento, Italy, on May 22–25, 1988. Topics will deal with glomerulonephritis, dialysis, and renal transplantation. Topics will include: non-pharmacologic treatment of glomerulonephritis, immunodepressive treatment of glomerulonephritis, experimental nephritides, inhibitors of mediators of tissue injury, standards for best dialysis, immunodepressive therapy of transplantation, and cyclosporine. For further information contact Professor Antonio Dal Canton, M.D., Department of Nephrology, 2nd Faculty of Medicine, Via S. Pansini 5, 80131, Napoli, Italy. Telephone 081/7462614, 7462150, 466844.

*The XII International Congress of the Transplantation Society* will be held August 14–19, 1988 in Sydney, Australia. The program will be balanced between basic research and all forms of clinical transplantation. The deadline for abstracts is 15

January 1988. For further information contact Mr. Kevin Wickham, Congress Organiser, P.O. Box 235, North Balwyn, Victoria 3104, Australia. Telephone 03 859 1885.

The XIX International Congress on Internal Medicine will be held in Brussels from August 29–September 2, 1988. For further information and registration contact Dr. A. Dupont, Scientific Secretariat, Department of Pharmacology, University Hospital VUB, Laarbeeklaan 103, B-1090 Brussels or Mrs. D. Shanni, Administrative Secretariat, SDR Associated, Rue Vilain XIII 17a, B-1050 Brussels.

The 26th Congress of the European Renal Association and the 19th Congress of the European Dialysis and Transplant Nurses' Association will be held June 12–18, 1989 at the Swedish Trade Fairs conference center in Gothenburg, Sweden. For further information, contact Svenska Mässan Stiftelse, Box 5222, S-402 24 Göteborg, Sweden. Telephone: 46 31 20 00 00; telex: 20 600 maessan s.

#### Clinical Research

*NIH study: Membranous Lupus Nephritis.* Patients with systemic lupus and membranous nephropathy are being sought for controlled therapeutic studies involving prednisone, cyclophosphamide and cyclosporine. Patients having received more than three months of cytotoxic drugs previously are not eligible. Detailed renal function tests, including permselectivity studies, will be performed. Direct inquiries to James E. Balow, M.D. (301-496-6067), Howard A. Austin, M.D. (301-496-6067), or David E. Webb, M.D. (301-496-8820) at the Kidney Disease Section, NIDDK, Building 10, Room 3N-112, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, USA.

#### Continuing Education

The second examination in Diagnostic Laboratory Immunology will be administered by the American Boards of Allergy and Immunology, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics in St. Louis, Missouri, on October 7, 1988. For further information and application contact the American Board of Allergy and Immunology, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104, USA.

*Nephrology Update: Recent advances in renal disease, hypertension and atherosclerosis* is a continuing education program to be held November 4–7, 1987 at the Bonaventure Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, USA. It is approved for Category I credit. For further information contact the Department of Continuing Education, The Cleveland Clinic Educational Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Room TT3-301, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, USA. Telephone 800-762-8173.

#### National Societies

The Secretary General of the International Society of Nephrology is endeavoring to bring the Society's list of national societies up-to-date. Many such national societies are not affiliated with the ISN or their affiliation has lapsed. To retain their affiliated status and to vote at the General Assembly, a list of individual members is required to be sent annually. Secretaries of national societies therefore are asked to provide the Secretary General with the address to which correspondence should be sent, together with a list of their officers and individual members (the latter to be submitted at least 6 months before the 1987 International Congress of Nephrology), and a formal

application for affiliation where this has lapsed. Please send these to Dr. Claude Amiel, Département de Physiologie, Faculté de Médecine Xavier Bichat, 16 rue Henri Huchard, 75018 Paris, France.

The American Society of Nephrology announces a service to its non-American colleagues. For an annual fee of US \$55, the ASN will send its mailings and announcements, including a copy of the annual abstract book (first class rates only). Checks for \$55, drawn only on a US bank, along with your name and desired mailing address should be sent to the ASN National Office, c/o Charles B. Slack, Inc., 6900 Grove Road, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086 USA.

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

##### Pfizer \$50,000 Innovation Award

Dr. Robert C. Baier and Ms. Eileen Hassett of the State University of New York at Buffalo, USA, were awarded \$50,000 for innovation from the Pfizer Hospital Products Group. The award recognizes an individual or research team for excellence in medical device innovation and is intended to encourage further research in medical devices for managing and treating diseases. The submission by Dr. Baier and Ms. Hassett describes a Glow Discharge (Plasma) Sterilizer for rendering metals, alloys, glasses, and ceramics "scrupulously free of all organic matter." Plastics and other organic materials can be sterilized by the process, which only takes a few minutes and modifies the surfaces for improved cell adhesion.

##### 1986 International Fellowship Training Awards

The International Society of Nephrology announces the recipients of the 1986 ISN Fellowship Awards.

Name	Country of origin	Institution where training is planned
Francisco J.A. Araya	Chile	USA, Miami (J. J. Bourgoignie)
Joel S. Elises	Philippines	UK, Birmingham (C. M. Taylor)
Cristina Castro	Brazil	France, Paris (J. Crosnier)
Prabha Sentuttuvan	South India	UK, London (C. Chantler)
Radi M. A. Hamed	Jordan	Canada, Toronto (G. S. Arbus)
José H. R. Suassuna	Brazil	UK, London (J. S. Cameron)
Honorary (without stipend)		
Consuelo Restrepo de Rovetto	Columbia	USA, Ohio (C. F. Strife)

This International Fellowship Training Program was established to provide training in clinical nephrology to physicians from developing countries. It is the objective of this program to support the growth of nephrology in developing countries through an educational program that admits qualified applicants to clinical training in recognized nephrology programs around the world, and then to return to their home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who wish basic research training may be considered if the environment in the home country will permit continued research upon the completion of training.